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## Chair Kelley and WCCTAC Board Members,

TRAC, the Trails for Richmond Action Committee, supports the recommendation of WCCTAC's TAC and staff to allocate full funding requests for the five top scoring STMP Cycle 1 projects with most of the balance of the \$3.75 million and design of the San Pablo Avenue Bridge project.

TRAC is especially enthusiastic about the City of Richmond's Ferry to Bridge Bicycle Network Improvements and EBRPD's Point Pinole - Wilson Point Bay Trail project.

The Richmond project is an essential element of the City's effort to carry out Key Corridor recommendations of the Ferry to Bridge to Greenway Complete Streets Plan by completing the spine Bay Trail between the Richmond-San Francisco Ferry Terminal, the Richmond-San Rafael (RSR) Bridge Trail and Point Molate Trail now funded for construction. It will construct cyclist and pedestrian safety improvements through the Point Richmond Historic District between Cutting Blvd. and the RSR Bridge trailhead at Casto Street This project has a very high priority due to the heavy cyclist and pedestrian traffic through this congested area with over 134,000 bicycle trips over the RSR Bridge Trail since November 2019 and over 7,800 pedestrian trips since August 2020. In summary, the cyclist and pedestrian safety improvements include:

Installation of protected two-way cycle tracks
Reconfiguration of motor vehicle parking
High visibility crosswalks with ADA-compliant curb ramps
Sidewalk extensions to reduce street crossing distances
Bus stop improvements for AC Transit service
Wayfinding signs and pavement markings

EBRPD's Point Pinole - Wilson Point Bay Trail gap closure project will be a major game changer, providing residents of Pinole, Hercules and Rodeo with safe, attractive cycling, walking & jogging access to Point Pinole Regional Shoreline and the necklace of 11 other shoreline parks along the Bay Trail in Richmond. Bicycle commuting will become feasible to the hundreds of jobs in Atlas Road warehouse and fulfillment centers operated by Amazon, UPS, Whole Foods, Restoration Hardware and others. Moreover, residents of Richmond and cities to the east ranging from Albany to Oakland, as well as Marin County, will be able to use the Bay Trail for recreation and transportation along the scenic San Pablo Bay Trail shoreline in Pinole and Hercules.

TRAC is pleased to support the WCCTAC TAC and staff recommendations for allocation of STMP Cycle 1 funds.

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